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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM'S REQUEST TO MEET WITH
PRESIDENT CARTER DURING UNGA

REF: A. USUN 2655; B. PORT LOUIS 870 AND PREVIOUS;
C. USUN 2625; D. SMITH TO AMB. KEELEY LETTER, 8/2/77

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES DILEMMA FACED BY BOTH USUN AND
PORT LOUIS AS A RESULT OF RAMGOOLAM'S APPARENT EAGERNESS
TO FIRM UP APPOINTMENT WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING HIS UNGA
VISIT. HOWEVER, TWO PROBLEMS EFFECTIVELY PRECLUDE ANY
DEFINITIVE RESPONSE YET:

A. TENTATIVELY, PRESIDENT WILL NOT BE IN NEW YORK DURING
RAMGOOLAM VISIT AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED (9/22-9/30). SOME
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FORM OF CONTACT IN NEW YORK WOULD BE EASIER TO MANAGE THAN
APPOINTMENT IN WASHINGTON.

B. PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE FOR 9/22-9/30

PERIOD IS NOT YET
MADE UP. IN ITS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEETINGS WITH THE

PRESIDENT DURING THIS YEAR'S UNGA, AF GAVE RAMGOOLAM HIGH PRIORITY, BUT THERE ARE MANY IMPORTANT COMPETING DEMANDS ON PRESIDENT'S TIME.

2. WHILE WE DO NOT NOW FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, ADDRESSEES SHOULD DEFINITELY AVOID AN OVER-OPTIMISTIC PORTRAYAL OF THE CHANCES. A DEFINITIVE ANSWER IS UNLIKELY BEFORE THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

3. FYI ONLY: IF A PRESIDENTIAL MEETING IS NOT POSSIBLE, WE MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE IN NEW YORK. REQUEST PORT LOUIS COMMENTS ON UTILITY OF SUCH A MEETING. CHRISTOPHER

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